

Announcements

WAYS TO GIVE AT ZION: We accept cash, cheques, e-transfers (to zion.office@sasktel.net), pre-authorized debits, and donations through canadahelps.ca. Please fill out the message field on the offering envelope to designate your gift.

Knitting Club meets the first and third Tuesdays from 1 pm – 3 pm. All are welcome, even beginner knitters!

We are in need of more volunteer members for Sunday School. If you are interested in helping in these areas, please contact Kaylyn in the office.

There is a sign-up sheet for Sunday morning coffee on the table in the narthex. We are grateful to those who provide coffee and goodies and clean up afterwards. Thank you!

Saskatoon (and Area) Stephen Ministry is planning a 30 year reunion in June 2026. We are looking for past and present Stephen Ministers, Stephen Leaders and care receivers to contact us. You can like and follow our Facebook Page *@Saskatoon Stephen Ministry 30 year Reunion* or message/email me with your current contact information at Fran Seidler, franseidler29@gmail.com 306-280-0549. We also want to remember those who have served but gone before us. Details will come available as they unfold. Looking forward to this!

Bishop Ali Tote will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 8th at 1 pm for a presentation on “Being a Welcoming Congregation”. All are welcome to attend!

Thank you very much for all the donations to In From the Cold and to the Mitten Tree. The items have all been delivered to St. Mary’s Church for the overnight warming shelter and the items from the Mitten Tree were given to St. Michael’s School. If any other donations come in they will be taken to St. Mary’s.

There is a wheelchair available – it is located by the lift in the area next to the library. Please ask the ushers for assistance.

We are looking for suggestions – what favorite hymn would you like to include in our worship? Fill out a card at the back of the Narthex with your favorite hymn listed.

Book club will meet at 3 pm in the Narthex on February 24th.

WELCOME TO ZION! If you would like more information about us, please fill in the communion card and give it to an usher. All Christians are welcome to commune. If you do not commune, please come forward to receive the Lord’s Blessing. If you receive communion in your pew, notify the usher. Grape juice is available in the middle of the tray. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Ushers will direct you to the altar.

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Pastor Sonje’s office hours are Tuesday & Thursday 11 am – 2 pm.

In Our Prayers

Andrea; Nandari; Mallory; Don; Louise; Mary; Linda & Steven; Jennifer; Gloria; Kaye; Doreen; Clara; Connie; Marilyn; Fred; Lorna; Betsy; Anne; Maureen; Susan; Ron; Lara, for justice; Carolyn; Alice; Neil; Helen; Ron; Mary; Marie; Phyllis; Ina; Gordon; Ted; Dolores; Stan

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SHARED MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

February 25	Lent 1	Redeemer
March 4	Lent 2	Resurrection
March 11	Lent 3	Trinity
March 18	Lent 4	King of Glory
March 25	Lent 5	Zion

During this season of Lent, we will gather for worship in fellowship with the other ELCIC Lutheran congregations here in Saskatoon on Wednesday nights. A light supper will be provided by the host congregation at 6pm followed by a service of Holden Evening Prayer and reflection on Matthew’s Passion story at 6:45pm.

Order of Service – Setting Three

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Confession and Absolution (see screen)
Gathering Hymn: “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” - ELW #319
Kyrie – ELW pg. 138
Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel Acclamation – ELW pg. 142
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon: Rev. Ken Neumann
Hymn of the Day: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” – ELW #697

Prayers of Intercession (P: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.)

Apostles’ Creed

COMMUNION

The Peace
Offering: “Break Now the Bread of Life” – ELW #515
The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 144
Holy Lord
The Lord’s Prayer
Lamb of God
Communion: “Eat This Bread” - ELW #472;
“Here is Bread” - ELW #483

Communion Prayer

SENDING

Benediction
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Sending Song: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” - ELW #547

Go in peace. Believe the Good News. **Thanks be to God!**
Postlude

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” 2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”

4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Romans 5:12-19

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— 13 for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. 16 And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. 17 If, because of the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. 19 For just as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” 4 But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, 9 and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:
Lord God, our strength,
the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us,
and the devil and all the forces that defy you
tempt us with empty promises.
Keep us steadfast in your word,
and when we fall, raise us again and restore us
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.



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